

## Keeping Up with the Expanding Healthcare Needs

Perkins County Hospital, located in Grant, Neb. was originally built in 1968. Patient care has evolved since 1968 and has become more outpatient based. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility and privacy has become essential to patient care. A majority of the facility had reached the end of its useful life with mechanical systems requiring replacement.

USDA Rural Development combined a \$10.1 million loan with \$4 million from local banks, and \$1.3 million from the hospital itself to fund the \$15.4 million hospital addition and renovation project. Funds were used for the new construction of 28,884 square feet, renovation of approximately 2,000 square feet, and the installation of a new heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) system in the current hospital and ancillary services areas.



Perkins County Hospital

The expansion and renovation project included a new 20-bed Critical Access Hospital with all private rooms, two labor delivery and post-partum rooms, an endoscopy suite, and a new emergency department adjacent to existing radiology diagnostic services. New space was constructed for several departments including physical therapy, information technology, and cardiac rehabilitation. Space renovated was for the laboratory and the Grant Medical Clinic. The project also replaced all of the older heating, ventilation, & air conditioning (HVAC) systems.

Perkins County Hospital is very pleased with the addition and renovation and it has resulted in successes for the hospital and the community. They have a fantastic physician and support team that the new facility supports. Patients care and satisfaction has improved with the access to private rooms. The newly remodeled and expanded laboratory is more patient friendly and offers patient privacy. Laboratory tests have increased 32%. Perkins County Hospital's old hospital has been remodeled into a new specialty clinic. The new location is more convenient for patients and specialty physicians. Obstetrical admits increased from 41 in 2014 to 79 in 2016, resulting in a 93% increase. Moms, Dads, and families have positive comments about the new labor delivery post-partum rooms which feature a large Jacuzzi tub. Nursery admits increased from 40 in 2014 to 83 in 2016, resulting in an 107% increase. Perkins County Hospital's "First Baby of 2017" was born on January 2nd compared to late February or early March in recent years. Endoscopy procedures have increased from 398 to 513 which represents an annual increase of 29%. Physical therapy moved to the garden level of the new hospital. Patients enjoy the privacy of three treatment rooms and a hydro therapy pool. Perkins County Hospital has built a special room for cardiac rehabilitation.

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**Obligation Amount:** \$10.1 million loan

**Date of Obligation:** 6/2013

**Congressional District:** Congressman Smith, District 03; Senators Fischer and Sasse

**Partners:** Local Banks and Perkins County Hospital

**Demographics:** Perkins County

**Impact:** Allows Perkins County Hospital to better serve the people of Perkins County.

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